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Dear Tom:

For the past couple of weeks I have been ransacking both home and office in quest of a book I cannot seem to find. The work in question is Donald Lancaster's The Emancipation of French Indochina, published by the Oxford University Press in 1961. A certain added intensity has been lent to these efforts by the recently discovered fact that said work has been out of print for several years, hence, a replacement copy is apparently not available anywhere for purchase.

After canvassing all the places I can think of where this book should be, could be or might be, I have tried to reconstruct mentally the last occasion on which I can positively recall having seen it. This has led me to think that I may have loaned it to someone within the past six-odd months, and indeed I have a dim recollection of doing so -- though I cannot recall to whom, where or under what circumstances. Since I do remember that when we chatted prior to your departure from Washington you asked about profitable background reading and I recommended Lancaster's book, I am wondering if I might possibly have loaned it to you. Could you please be good enough to check your memory and library shelves on my behalf. Needless to say, any light you could shed would be much appreciated.

I hope the Paris tour has lived up to all expectations. Your comments and observations have certainly been helpful and well received. Please give my warmest regards to all of our mutual friends in the Embassy and the Delegation.

Sincerely yours,